



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

November 2004

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Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Preliminary Job Offer for New Graduates in Mar., 2005 (Senior and Junior High School) (End of September)

Wednesday, November 10, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year high school students to preliminary offer of hiring was 38.9%, increased by 4.4 points from a year earlier.

Survey on Preliminary Job Offer for New Graduates in Mar., 2005 (College, etc.) (October 1)

Wednesday, November 10, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

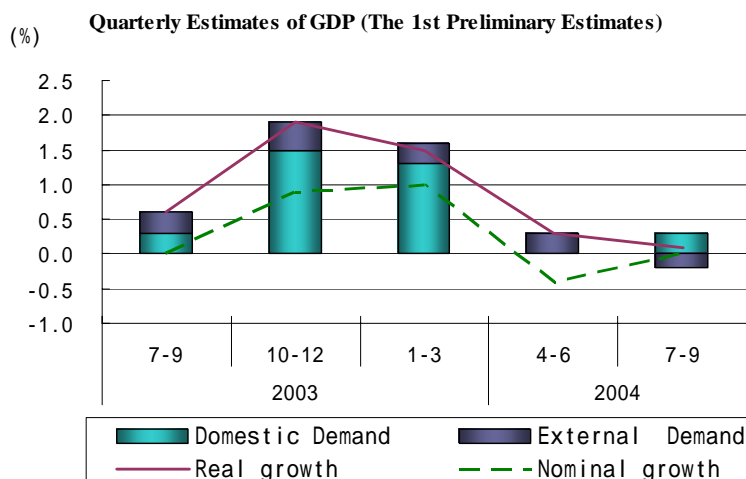
The ratio of final-year university students to preliminary offer of hiring was 61.3%, increased by 1.1 points from a year earlier.

National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jul.-Sep.)

Friday, November 12, released by Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) increased for the 6th consecutive quarter by 0.1% from the previous quarter (0.3% on annual basis) .

The real GDP growth rate consisted of domestic demand as 0.3% and external demand as 0.2%.



Agreement of Summer Bonus for Major Private Sector Companies (2004)

Monday, November 15, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount agreed for the summer bonus was 810,052 yen, increased for the 2nd consecutive year by 3.53% from a year earlier.

Basic Survey on Wage Structure (Starting Salary) (2004)

Thursday, November 25, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount of starting salary for college-graduates decreased by 1.6% from a year earlier, the first decline in 4 years.

That for graduates of senior high schools decreased by 0.2%, marking the 2nd consecutive year of decline.

Consumer Price Index (October)

Friday, November 26, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Consumer Price Index increased by 0.5% from a year earlier, while the Index excluding fresh food decreased by 0.1%.

Consumer Price Index in Ku-areas of Tokyo in November increased by 0.6%, while the Index excluding fresh food decreased by 0.3%.

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report for October)

Tuesday, November 30, released by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) decreased for the second consecutive month by 1.6% from the previous month. The index is expected to increase in November and to decrease in December.

Labor Force Survey (October)

Tuesday, November 30, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Report on Employment Service (October)

Tuesday, November 30, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

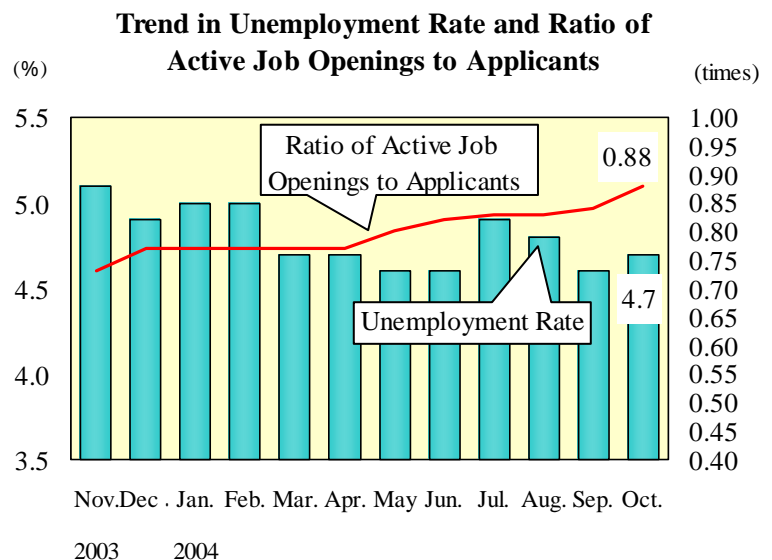
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.7%, increased by 0.1point from the previous month.

That for men was 4.8%, unchanged, while that for women increased by 0.3 points to 4.5%.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.88, rose by 0.04 points from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) unchanged from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons dropped for the 17th consecutive month from a year earlier to 3.11 million.



Labor Force Survey : Detailed Tabulation (Preliminary Report for Jul.-Sep.)

Tuesday, November 30, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The ratio of non-regular employees to employees except the board members was 31.5%, increased by 1.3 points from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, was; "less than 3 months" 1.07

million, followed by 'more than a year' 1.00 million.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (October)

Tuesday, November 30, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Living expenditure in workers' household increased by 0.1% in real values from a year earlier.

Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report for October)

Wednesday, December 1, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Contractual cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) decreased by 0.3% from a year earlier, and total cash earnings decreased by 0.5%.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) decreased by 0.8% from the previous month, marking the 2nd consecutive decline.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (November)

Tuesday, November 16, released by Cabinet Office

The economy continues to recover, while some weak movements are seen recently.

- * Corporate profits are improving sharply and business investment is increasing.
- * Private consumption is increasing moderately.
- * The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain.
- * Exports are weakening, and industrial production is leveling off.

As for short-term prospects, the economic recovery is expected to continue as the domestic private demand increases steadily. On the other hand, attention should be given to the effects on the economies of developments of crude oil prices, and to the world economic situations and other factors.

Monthly Labor Economy Report (November)

Wednesday, November 17, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain.

We have also compiled the "**Main Labor Economics Indicators**", which summarizes indexes relating to the labor economy. Please go to "<https://www.jil.go.jp/english/estatis/eindex.html>"

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